

Image Application of
BERNA, Philippe et al
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For: PROCESS FOR MAKING A
VERSATILE CLAMPING DEVICE
DESIGNED TO HOLD OBJECTS
WITHOUT DAMAGING THEM, SUCH
A DEVICE AND ITS USE

Group Art Unit: 3206
Examiner: Tom Hughes

Molières-sur-Cèze, France
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AMENDMENT

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

In response to the Official Action of August 4, 1993, petition for extension of time and late fee attached, please amend as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Rewrite claims 1-10 in amended form:

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--1. (amended) The method of making a multipurpose device for [enabling to hold] holding objects by clamping without damaging them comprising the steps of:

a) [...] providing a cylindrical support part, such as a rod or a tube, with a section circular or not,

b) [. mounting] placing on said support part at least two movable and removable arms which can slide along said support part and be turned around it into at least one direction [several directions, said arms extending themselves markedly on both sides from said support part in a direction mainly orthogonal thereto] and which can be easily slipped outwards thereof and inwards again,

c) [...] fitting out at least one of the movable arms at a single distance from said support part with one [substantially elastic] buffer having [which has, opposite from the arm to which it is secured,] a contact face [of] which [the basis] is essentially at a right [angles] angle to [the] said support part and under which the layer is elastic enough to act as a compression spring.

--2. (amended) A multipurpose device for holding objects by clamping [objects] without damaging them, comprising:

- a cylindrical support part, such as a rod or a tube, with a section circular or not,

- at least two movable and removable arms which can slide along said support part and be turned around it into at least one direction [several directions, said arms extending themselves markedly on both sides from said support part in a direction mainly orthogonal thereto] and which can be easily slipped outwards thereof and inwards again,